

ED-P Criteria

Student Characteristics

- Education eligibility
 - Danger to self and others (overt/covert)
 - Requires intensive services beyond those which could be provided in a traditional ED self-contained program

Program Development/Design (Academic/Therapeutic Programs)

There must be:

- Separate public program, which may be housed on a regular school campus or on a separate site in the local education agency (LEA).
- Continuum of service delivery options available within the LEA.
- Description of how the program is managed.
- Curriculum that is aligned to/with the Arizona Academic Standards.
- Ratio of 1 teacher to 8-10 students with one full-time aide plus 1 additional itinerant classroom aide or behavior tech, if necessary.
- Therapeutic counseling component with one on one and small group counseling for student(s) and, if appropriate, the parent(s).
- Psychiatric consultation availability.
- Case management component including how individual students will be managed and by whom (teacher, psychologist, counselor, etc).

Dispensing of Medication

- Who is responsible?
- What are the procedures?

Outside Agency Involvement, If Appropriate

- State
- Community-based
- Other

Age Range

- In most situations, there cannot be greater than a 4-year age range in a classroom. If this is going to be exceeded, explain why.

IEP

- In addition to appropriate IEP goals and objectives or benchmarks, there must be a:
 - Functional Behavior Assessment
 - Behavior Intervention Plan
 - Exit criteria with a transition plan – when returning students to a less restrictive environment, provide the ADE School Finance Division the date that the change in placement occurred in order to change the census category

Personnel

- Teacher's Aide/Behavioral Tech
 - Intensive training in behavior strategies (covert and overt)
 - Non-aversive physical management
 - Basic counseling skills
 - CPR/first aid
- Teacher
 - ED State Certified – explain if on emergency certificate
- Therapeutic Clinical Counseling
 - Certified or state licensed (certification as school psychologist only is not sufficient)
 - Clinical counselor
 - Clinical psychologist
 - Social worker (MSW)
- Training for parents to be advocates

NOTE: Students with emotional disabilities who are placed in approved private day schools or approved residential facilities are also listed on the census as ED-P.